

11. (Currently amended) The device of claim 1, ~~wherein a power source is housed in a handle further comprising an actuating member disposed within a neck region of the device, wherein the actuating member moves toward a handle of the device to change the tension.~~

12. (Original) The device of claim 1, further comprising a floss advancing mechanism.

13. (Currently amended) The device of claim 1, ~~further comprising a floss release mechanism wherein the user-operable actuator is coupled to the tines and instantly decreases the tension.~~

14. (Canceled)

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16. (Canceled)

17. (Canceled)

18. (Canceled)

19. (Canceled)

20. (Canceled)

21. (New) A flossing device, comprising:

a pair of tines between which a length of a floss is strung;

a quick-release mechanism having an actuating arm disposed with a neck of the flossing device; and

wherein movement of the actuating arm releases a tension of the length of the floss.

22-21. (New) The device of claim 21 further comprising a vibration source coupled to the tines.

23-22. (New) The device of claim 21 further comprising a floss advancing mechanism disposed on the actuating arm, and an aperture disposed on the device, where the floss advancing mechanism directs and fed the floss through the aperture in a direction from inside the device to outside the device.